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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER

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Have ~~just~~ spoken to Shalev to get specifics of the Pentagon's foot dragging. He was not aware that there was ~~now~~ *still* a problem but will check and call back.

At the staff meeting this morning, Buzhardt announced that Sirica will be meeting today with the panel of experts on the 18-minute gap on the tape. (This is the issue on which the bad news is supposedly coming.) There was some discussion about what sort of campaign reform the President should support, with Bryce Harlow pointing out that Bush had told him that substantial reform would be bad for the Republicans. Haig noted that the President will be giving a radio speech on energy on Saturday. (We will get you a draft as soon as it is in some sort of authoritative form.) Ken Cole observed that Brennan was coming unglued over the Ussery appointment. Simon mentioned that Shultz was circulating papers on foreign tax credits, depreciation allowances, and windfall profits. Haig pointed out that the President wanted a strong position on the oil companies not profiting from the energy squeeze.

Warm regards.

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